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**FORMER STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR MAIL FRAUD**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a thirty-count indictment charging a North Highlands, California resident TINA YAYOI TURLEY, 39, with mail fraud in connection with the filing of multiple false unemployment insurance claims.

This case was investigated by State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) and the United States Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General.

The indictment alleges that between December 2004 and October 2005, TURLEY used her position at EDD to file multiple false unemployment insurance claims for family members and others. The false claims totaled about \$100,000 in unemployment benefits.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Stegman, who is prosecuting the case, if TURLEY is convicted of the charges, she faces a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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